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1. MINED HAS ARRANGED FOR THE THREE MUSICIANS TO GO TO SEATTLE, BUT A HITCH HAS DEVELOPED OVER COSTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION. MINED REGULATIONS DO NOT PERMIT IT TO PAY TRANSPORTATION BECAUSE PERFORMING MUSICIANS DO NOT HAVE APPROPRIATE ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS TO QUALIFY AS MINED NOMINEES. IN EFFECT, MINED CANNOT OFFICIALKKK NOMINATE THEM UNDER ARTICLE I OF THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM, AND THE ARRANGEMENT WILL HAVE TO BE STRAIGHT CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SEATTLE AND ARIA. EMBASSY WILL TRY TO GET ARIA OR COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION TO PAY TRANSPORTATION WITH APPEAL TO SPIRIT OF PROGRAM AND NEED FOR BUREAUCRATIC FLEXIBILITY, BUT WITHOUT GREAT HOPE OF SUCCESS.

2. REQUEST DEPT OR CIES CONTACT GARFIAS IMMEDIATELY TO SEE WHETHER SEATTLE CAN IMPROVE ON ITS ORIGINAL OFFER TO INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION OR PART OF IT. IF NEITHER SEATTLE NOR ARIA CAN FOOT TRANSPORTATION BILL, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THREE TRAVEL GRANTS PLUS ONE STIPEND FROM CU FUNDS, BRINGING TOTAL COST TO ROUGH EQUIVALENT OF ONE AND HALF LECTURER OR RESEARCH GRANT. OUR RECOMMENDATION BASED ON FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) GRANTS WOULD HELP FILL UNDERSCRIBED ROMANIAN QUOTAS IN ART. I (REGARDLESS OF MINED POSITION, FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW

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GRANTEES WOULD SERVE ACADEMIC PURPOSE AND QUALIFY AS LEGITIMATE

ART. I GRANTS); (B) REF CIES MEMO REQUESTS "FULL AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION" OF GRANTS; AND (C) WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY'S AND PROFESSOR AUGEROT'S CONSISTENT SUPPORT OF RMANIAN STUDIES AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM DESERVE RECOGNITION FOR PAST RECORD AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR FUTURE.

3. EMBASSY PROCEEDING WITH NEGOTIATIONS RE TRANSPORTATION, BUT ARIA AND CSCE DECISION MAY TAKE DAYS. IN VIEW OF JULY 15 DEADLINE SET BY GARFIAS, SUGGEST DEPT ACT NOW ON RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARA TWO ABOVE AND INFORM GARFIAS AND EMBASSY OF DECISION. IF ROMANIANS AGREE TO PAY TRANSPORTATION AFTER ALL, SO MUCH THE BETTER.

4. PLEASE INFORM GARFIAS THAT ARIA AGREES TO SUB BUDISTEANU FOR VIOLINIST BAZARCA AND REQUESTS HIM TO ADVISE AMOUNT OF SALARY MUSICIANS WILL RECEIVE.
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